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Recommended sites:

- pobble365.com
Pobble 365, is an amazing website that has great descriptive story starters accompanied by a photo or image. It is a great way to get students writing. It is suitable for stage 2 and up. Each day a new image and story starter is added. There are questions to stimulate thinking and to help students to get started. Students can look through all previous images to find one that interests them.

- <http://mrsbrownart.com/>
Another great resource we have been using is Mrs Brown Art (mrsbrownart.com). It has guided art activities, some even have step by step PowerPoints (for those who are artistically challenged like me!!!) It is designed for students up to Y5 but we have successfully used it with high school children as well. It is a great way for students to learn about artistic techniques and artists and to come up with their own piece of art they are proud of.

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(I'm so happy to see you!)

Term 4

2016

Interesting Illawarra by Lisa Body



Story starter!



Image by: Erik Johansson.

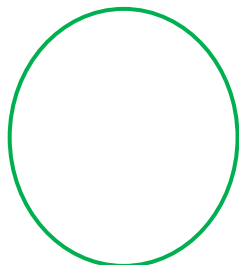
It was morning on Fish Island. Jessica yawned lazily and stepped out onto the sun-drenched porch outside her house. It was surely going to be the hottest day of the summer! Gently, she picked up the newspaper that had been recently delivered to her doorstep. The headline of the Fish Island Gazette read "Troubling Tremors Torment Townsfolk!" She frowned. Jessica and her neighbours in the nearby town had indeed been troubled for some time by the mysterious quakes that had been occurring more and more frequently. On one occasion, the tremors had been so strong that several tiles from her roof had fallen off, shattering as they narrowly missed Jessica's daughter who had been playing in the garden. They seemed to be getting worse. It was becoming a serious concern for the inhabitants of the island. Later that day, Jessica was holding her daughter's hand as they paddled in the deliciously warm, crystal waters on the beach when she felt it: another tremor. Scooping up her daughter in her arms, Jessica ran up the beach, fear building in the pit of her stomach. This one seemed worse than the ones before. Panic set in. This was the worst so far. They seemed to be moving. Looking over her shoulder, she could see ripples forming in the ocean. They really were moving!

A great story written by one of our students using Pobble 365 site.

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Using Mrs Brown Art website one of our favourite lessons is the Van Gogh inspired Starry Night for Y5. Here are some examples of our students work.





St George's Story



The winner: Ava McLean and dad Rob.

Picture: John Veage

Captain Hook is the name given to the huge tower crane working on the \$277 million redevelopment of St George Hospital. It was the suggestion of Ava McLean, four, in a Name the Crane competition run by the project team, including builder Brookfield Multiplex and client Health Infrastructure. Names were suggested by 15 young patients attending St George Hospital School and a further 21 children from the adjacent Lorikeet Childcare Centre, which Ava attends. Runner-up was Lucian Ramos, five, from the Hospital School, who suggested the name *Cranky*. They were presented with prizes by Oatley MP Mark Coure at an official ceremony. The crane, which is 70 metres high and weighs 50 tonnes, was in 20 pieces before assembly on site. It is expected to remain at Kogarah for 12 months during work on the new seven-level Acute Services Building, which is being built above the new emergency department. The block will include an intensive care unit, high dependency unit, cardiac intensive care unit, extra operating theatres, extra acute inpatient beds and a sterilising services department.



Something fishy at Bankstown.....

Last term our school purchased a self-cleaning fish tank for the classroom. This tank grows organic sprouts and herbs. We have used the seeds that came with the product (wheat grass and snow peas) and also planted some mint from our existing outdoor garden. The seeds are covered by growstones and then a liquid is added to help speed up the nitrogen cycle. The students love to feed the fish and learn about the ecosystem. This tank is extremely low-maintenance, the fish feed the plants, and the plants clean the water. Just top up the water every now and then, and feed the fish. We have purchased weekend fish blocks that we use on a Friday and will use during school holidays.



Water Garden by Back to the Roots approx. \$130 from The Educational Experience
<http://www.edex.com.au/search?q=water-garden>

Our NSW Hospital School Principals

All Principals attended a meeting at Bridge Street offices on Tuesday 8-11-16. From Left to right: Vanessa Murphy (Royal North Shore), Kay Howe (seated-Liverpool), Mercedes Wilkinson (Westmead Childrens), Susanne Rosier (St George), Lynda Campbell (Sydney Childrens), Deborah Maxfield (seated-Royal Prince Alfred), Kim Bell (Illawarra), Sally Graham (John Hunter), Rosalee Lamaro (seated-Bankstown), Jacqueline Conwell (seated-Sutherland).



There is no combined SDD for term 1 2017, the associations executive members are currently planning for the combined SDDs for term 2 and 3, 2017 . Further information will be sent to members in Term 1 2017.

LAUNCHING OUT OF LIVERPOOL

Children's Week: The CAPE program Launch



Liverpool Hospital School has partnered with nursing staff to deliver education around healthy living. The Clinical Nurse Educator has piloted a program to target obesity in children by empowering families with five key strategies for healthy living: eat a healthy breakfast; drink more water; decrease screen time; use correct food portions and exercise daily. The school is delivering lessons on these five key topics to strengthen nurse education provided to parents and carers.

Children's Week: The Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Children's Week is a wonderful opportunity to open our classroom doors to the whole community and get everyone involved in learning. This year Liverpool Hospital School hosted a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The students made their own Mad Hatter's Hat and biscuits to replicate tea cups and rabbits. Then we all sat together to enjoy the sharing of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party from a special leather bound edition of "Alice In Wonderland" published in 1939.

Mad Scientist's Day



John Sodeau gave up his release from face to face to deliver a signature lesson to the students at Liverpool Hospital School and create our first Mad Scientist Day. John wore his astronaut's suit and used a slide show from his visit to NASA to teach the students about the comparative size of the planets in the Universe. John used Oreo biscuits to show the students all the phases of the moon. He even visited students bedside after the lesson to give them educational resources to maintain their interest in Science.

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Wishing all members a safe and happy holiday season.

Recommended Apps:

Courtesy of Kim Bell IHS

• Swift Playgrounds

By Apple



Free

Swift Playgrounds is a revolutionary new app for iPad that makes it fun to learn and experiment with code. You solve interactive puzzles in the guided "Learn to Code" lessons to master the basics of coding, while additional challenges let you explore code and create programs that are engaging and unique.

Comment: We use this with computer savvy upper Primary and High school students. The degree of difficulty escalates quite quickly. Suitable up to Year 12

• ScratchJr

By Scratch Foundation



Free

With ScratchJr, students learn important new skills as they program their own interactive stories and games.

Comment: Very easy to use, simple coding. Recommended for Stage 1 to Stage 3.

• Tynker

By Tynker



Free

Tynker is the easiest way for kids to learn programming. Play fun puzzles to learn the basics and then create your own amazing games using over 100 step-by-step coding tutorials.

Comment: Very easy to use, simple coding. Recommended for Stage 1 to Stage 3.

Quality Reading Successful Sutherland

A Special Visit from Children's Author – Yvette Poshoglian

Sutherland Hospital School had the great pleasure in hosting a visit from Yvette Poshoglian, Premiers Reading Challenge Officer and the author of the Ella and Olivia, Frankie Fox Girl Spy and many other great books.



The students from Heathcote East P.S. had a fantastic time and loved listening to Yvette describe how and why she loves to write.



Yvette was thoroughly engaging and very generous with her time. We now have our Ella and Olivia books personally signed by the

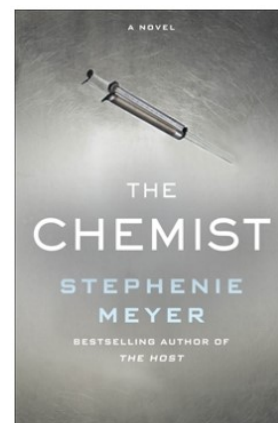
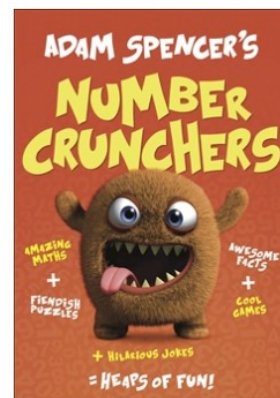
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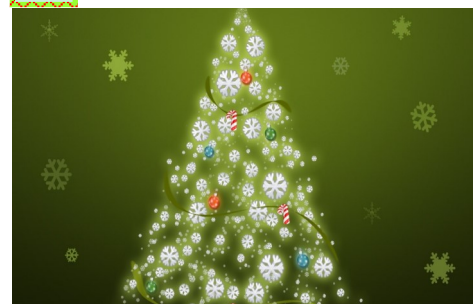
<http://www.ellaandolivia.com.au/books.html#/the-books>



New book releases for the
holidays:



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Historical Journeys at John Hunter

This term the students at JHHS have been studying Ancient Civilisations in an inquiry to piece together where we have come from. Chinese dragons, chariots, Egyptian pyramids, Greek artefacts and Pharaohs are just some of the many wonders of the past that we have examined in an investigation to draw out clues about life in a bygone world. The students have been hard at work de-coding hieroglyphic messages, drawing Greek oinochoai and kylixes (pottery jugs) and trying their hand at making bejewelled collars fit for Egyptian Royalty! We have had a blast in the past, and to see out 2016 we will be 'visiting' 12 different countries around the world to explore how Christmas is celebrated in different cultures. Feliz Navidad!



PUPPY THERAPY AT RPA

This is a photo of one of the therapy dogs that have visited the RPA Children's Ward in 2016. These dogs are used to promote positive emotions and improve wellbeing.



They always produce smiles :)

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See you in 2017

